

CLAIM

1. An image forming apparatus, comprising:
an apparatus main assembly, and
5 a process cartridge detachably mountable to
said apparatus main assembly, including driving force
receiving means to be connected to driving means of
said apparatus main assembly and a noncontact memory
for noncontact data communication with receiving means
10 of said apparatus main assembly,
wherein said apparatus main assembly performs
rotational drive of the drive means before reading
out data from the noncontact memory.
- 15 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the driving force receiving means and the noncontact
memory are disposed on the same side of said process
cartridge.
- 20 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the rotational drive of the drive means exerts a force
on said process cartridge in a direction of narrowing
a gap between the receiving means and the noncontact
memory.
- 25 4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said apparatus main assembly includes open/close means

for being opened and closed at the time of mounting
and demounting said process cartridge and an
open/close detection member for detecting an
open/close state of said open/close means, and
5 performs rotational drive by the drive means when said
open/close detection member detects that said
open/close means is shifted from an open state to a
close state.

10 5. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said process cartridge includes a photosensitive
member, which is rotated by a driving force received
by the driving force receiving means.

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